News From Southern Shores Town Hall Friday, January 6, 2006

Town Council Meeting

Click "here" to see highlights of the January 3, 2006 Town Council meeting. Thanks go to the approximately 30 people that came to the "Chat with the Mayor/Manager session" that began at 6:00 p.m. in the Pitts Center. The "Chats" will continue each month, one hour before the Council meeting.

Town Council Retreat

Southern Shores Town Council will hold their annual retreat Thursday, January 12, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Friday, January 13, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Pitts Center. The retreat is open to the public, however; on January 12, 5 p.m. their will be a public input session, for public to the address the Council on issues they feel affect the future of our community. Citizens are welcome to email their ideas to info@southernshores-nc.gov. All emails must have the name and address of the sender or they will not be passed along to the Council.

NCDOT Proposal to widen NC12

Upon learning the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is moving ahead with widening of NC12 through the Town of Southern Shores; Council approved (3 to 2) <u>Resolution</u> 2006-01-02 objecting to the NCDOT plans as presented.

Southern Shores Civic Association Meeting

Bill Birkemeier, chief of the field Research Facility in Duck will make a presentation entitled "Understanding Beach Erosion at their January 9, 2006 Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. in the Pitts Center. Mr. Birkemeier oversees a staff of 26 that conducts research in coastal, estuarine, and riverine environment through measurement and analysis. He has been involved with studies of beach changes since 1980 at the Duck Facility. The election of six Board members will also take place at this meeting and a quorum of 40 property owners is needed. You can vote by proxy if you can not make this meeting by contacting Ginny at the SSCA office 252-261-8617.

Voter Referendum February 7, 2006

There will be a special vote on Feb. 7, 2006 to vote on the referendum to repeal the one-cent increase in the sales/use tax which will take effect on Jan. 1, 2006. The sales/use tax increase is intended to partially pay for beach nourishment in the county. Please remember to vote. It's a right we take too loosely. Just remember what the people in Afghanistan and Iraq have gone through just for that same right.

If you are not registered to vote and you wish to vote on this referendum, **you must register no later than Jan. 9, 2006**. You can pick up registration forms at Town Hall but they must be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2006. There will be no-excuse early voting at the Dare County Board of Elections in Manteo and at the Baum Center Kill Devil Hill, from January 19, 2006 through February 3, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call Dare County Board of Elections 475-5630.

Chipping:

The Chipper will be in Sector #2 the week of January 9, and your brush should be placed out by Monday morning. Sector #3 can start putting their brush out for chipping. For more information and schedule on the program go to Chips. To see a sector map go to Map. Chips are available, please contact Karen with your address and place a sign off the right-of-way where to put the chips.

Dates To Remember:

- SSCA General Membership Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2006, 7 p.m. in the Pitts Center.
- Town Council Retreat, Thursday, January 12, 2006, 8 -6 p.m. & Friday, January 13, 2006, 8 -12 p.m. in the Pitts Center
- Joint Town Council/Planning Board special meeting, Friday, January 13, 2006, 1 p.m. in the Pitts Center. The meeting will be related to the powers and duties of the Planning Board.

If you need a police officer, anytime day or night, this weekend or any day of the year, please call Central Communications at 252-473-3444. Write that number down or pick up a free sticker at Town Hall. Keep this number by your phone and put it on your cell phone.

For more information, contact the Southern Shores Town Hall, 252-261-2394, 252-255-0876 (fax), info@southernshores-nc.gov, www.southernshores-nc.gov.

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